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THE DIRECTOR

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The Honorable Betty McCollum
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman McCollum:

Thank you for your letter of February 23, 2009, regarding funding for the National Child Protection Training Center.

The President's FY 2010 Budget marks the start of a new era of responsibility. It is the first step in addressing the critical challenges we face today to restore fiscal integrity over the long term. As you know, the President transmitted an overview of his Budget on February 26, 2009, and provided additional detail to the Congress on May 7, 2009.

The FY 2010 Budget includes funding for several programs for which the National Child Protection Training Center may apply for competitively-awarded grants, including \$30 million for the Byrne Competitive Grant Program and \$20 million for the Victims of Crime Act Improving Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse Program. The Administration is committed to reducing child abuse and supports a number of Federal programs to aid the prevention, detection, and response to child abuse. We will continue to work with Congress to meet these important needs.

Thank you again for your letter. We look forward to working with you throughout the appropriations process.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Orszag
Director

Identical Letter Sent to The Honorable James Oberstar,
The Honorable Tim Walz, and The Honorable Keith Ellison